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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554





RE: Application of GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation For Consent to Transfer Control of Certain Licenses and Authorizations, <u>CC Docket No. 98-184</u>

APRISONO TO

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in the above matter, is an errata to the BA/GTE filing, PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR BELL ATLANTIC/GTE MERGER. The errata corrects language that was inaccurately modified in section VIII, paragraph 27 (b), which appears on page 34 of the April 14, 2000 filing.

The insert which reads "Commission's Rules" should read "Collocation and Advanced Services Order, to the extent effective". Attached are revised pages which replace page 34 from the non-red line version and page 35 from the red line version.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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dedicated and empowered to assist Qualifying CLECs with OSS issues, provided that such Qualifying CLECs have contracted for OSS in their interconnection agreements with Bell Atlantic/GTE and have attended any OSS training required by their interconnection agreements. Each team shall be available to provide further training and assistance, not including the provision of any telecommunications service, to such CLECs at no additional cost for a minimum of 36 months following the designation of the team. BellAtlantic/GTE and the Qualifying CLEC will jointly develop a plan to address the specific OSS issues of concern to that CLEC. Within 90 days following the Merger Closing Date, Bell Atlantic/GTE shall provide notice of the availability of these teams to all Qualifying CLECs certificated and operating in the Bell Atlantic/GTE Service Area.

c. Within 90 days following the Merger Closing Date, Bell Atlantic/GTE shall identify and discuss in one or more CLEC forums training and procedures that would be beneficial to Qualifying CLECs operating in the Bell Atlantic/GTE Service Areas. Within 120 days following the Merger Closing Date, Bell Atlantic/GTE shall provide schedules for such training and procedures to all Qualifying CLECs certificated and operating in the Bell Atlantic/GTE Service Area.

VIII. Collocation, Unbundled Network Elements, and Line Sharing Compliance

- 27. <u>Collocation</u>. In the Bell Atlantic/GTE Service Area, Bell Atlantic/GTE shall provide collocation consistent with the Commission's rules, including the First Report and Order in CC Docket No. 98-147, FCC No. 99-48 (rel. March 31, 1999) ("Collocation and Advanced Services Order"), to the extent effective.
- a. Prior to the Merger Closing Date, Bell Atlantic and GTE shall, in each of the Bell Atlantic/GTE States, have filed a collocation tariff and/or offered amendments containing standard terms and conditions for collocation for inclusion in interconnection agreements under 47 U.S.C. § 252. Such tariffs and/or amendments shall contain all rates, terms, and conditions necessary to bring Bell Atlantic/GTE's provision of collocation into compliance with the Commission's governing rules.
- b. Prior to the Merger Closing Date, Bell Atlantic and GTE shall retain one or more independent auditors acceptable to the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau to perform an examination engagement and issue an attestation report resulting in a positive opinion (with exceptions noted) regarding whether the terms and conditions offered in tariffs and amendments to interconnection agreements, and the methods and procedures put in place by Bell Atlantic and GTE to implement those terms and conditions, comply with the collocation requirements contained in the Collocation and Advanced Services Order, to the extent effective. The engagement shall be supervised by persons licensed to provide accounting services and shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"). The attestation report shall be in substantially the form provided as Attachment C and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, for the public record, no later than 10 days after the Merger Closing Date. The Commission shall have access to working papers and supporting materials of the independent auditor, as provided below in Paragraph 55g.

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- 28. a. Prior to the Merger Closing Date, Bell Atlantic and GTE shall, in each of the Bell Atlantic/GTE States, have filed a collocation tariff and/or offered amendments containing standard terms and conditions for collocation for inclusion in interconnection agreements under 47 U.S.C. § 252. Such tariffs and/or amendments shall contain all rates, terms, and conditions necessary to bring Bell Atlantic/GTE's provision of collocation into compliance with the Commission's governing rules.
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- 30. c. Prior to the Merger Closing Date, Bell Atlantic and GTE shall propose to the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau an independent auditor to perform an examination engagement and issue an attestation report resulting in a positive opinion (with exceptions noted) regarding Bell Atlantic/GTE's compliance with the Commission's collocation requirements, including but not limited to the Collocation and Advanced Services Order, for the first eightrequirements for 4 full months after the Merger Closing Date. The audit required by this Paragraph shall be in lieu of any other audit of Bell Atlantic/GTE's compliance with the Commission's collocation requirements during the first 12 full months after the Merger Closing Date that otherwise would be required under these Conditions. In addition, the auditor shall take into account in accordance with the relevant standards of the AICPA any collocation audits performed within the 18 months prior to the Merger Closing Date. The independent auditor shall be acceptable to the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau and shall not have been instrumental during the past 24 months in designing substantially all of the systems and processes under review in the audit, viewed as a whole. The engagement shall be supervised by persons licensed to provide accounting services and shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant standards of the AICPA. Bell Atlantic/GTE shall engage the auditor within 15 days of the Bureau Chief's